WINTER 2017

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Lakeshore Excellence Foundation

CALLING ALL LAKESHORE ALUMNI

Rachel Hall

Jenny Ryan

Bill Scaletta

For 20 years, Bill Scaletta was the face of Lakeshore High School to thousands of students. Today, Bill continues to play an important role in our Lakeshore community.

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Lakeshore Alums Rachel (Shirley) Hall '98 and Jenny (Bock) Ryan '02 are the newest LEF Board Members.

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Register today at: LEFonline.org/alumni-association

LAKESHORE Alumni

Becoming an active member of Lakeshore Alumni Association is easy. Just take a minute to complete the simple registration form at LEFonline.org.

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Thank you! Lancer Leaders

Each year we take this opportunity to thank our Lancer Leaders for their dedication to Lakeshore Public Schools. Lancer Leaders have committed to donate $1,000 or more each year for three years.

On November 6, we recognized and celebrated our Lancer Leaders at the 5th Annual Lancer Leader Reception.

J.C. & Nancy Anderson
Tom & Sharon Austin
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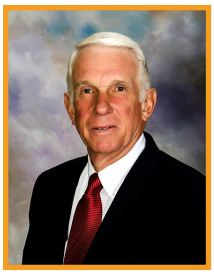
LEF thanks all of our donors. You make a difference for every student and every teacher in Lakeshore Public Schools.

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund is our long-term strategy to funding the LEF mission of learning for generations to come. Annually, the LEF Board evaluates the health of the fund, makes contributions based on giving and project needs, and reinvests the earned interest. If you are interested in learning more about the Endowment Fund, please contact J.C. Anderson at 269.921.2513 or email at anderjcna@gmail.com.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



J.C. Anderson
LEF Chairman

In this Chairman's Letter, I would like to reflect on two items which are uniquely tied together. The first one, the creation of the LEF in 1998, and our celebration and recognition of those Board members. The second item is to bring you up-to-date on our 2017 efforts as we close out the 20th year of the LEF.

1998 LEF CREATION

In 1998, the initial 11 Board members had the vision, wisdom, and dedication to create the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation. LEF was one of the first non-profit, fundraising foundations formed to support a public school in Michigan. This vision, and the fundraising during the past 20 years, has provided a net $3,500,000 in major projects and grants for Lakeshore Public Schools.

Listed below are some items that were accomplished by our initial LEF Board during 1998 ...

- Our mission statement was developed and it remains the same today, 20 years later!
- An endowment fund was established, which has a current balance of $270,368 ... and we have never been required to use the funds.
- Initial fundraising of approximately $76,000 per year equivalent to $113,000 in today's dollars.
- Initial grants of $30,000

During the Lancer Leader Reception on November 6, we celebrated our 20th anniversary and recognized several of the 1998 Board members who were present.

1998 BOARD MEMBERS

Dave Brockway
Gary Campbell
Marc Delmariani
Patti Florian
Cathy Knauf
Frank Luongo
Carol Stockman
Bernice Tretheway
Jay Van Den Berg
John Newcomer (deceased)
Donald Goetz (deceased)

Thank you to all LEF Board Members in the past 20 years for your dedication to making Lakeshore Public Schools great for our students, teachers and community.

2017 LEF EFFORTS

In 2017, the current LEF Board has continued to focus on fundraising and on the impact of major projects and student and teacher grants. I am pleased to share the results of a recent audit conducted by Kim McAllister, our Grant Chairperson. Over the past three years, our grants have positively impacted EVERY student and teacher in Lakeshore Public Schools. We take our responsibility seriously to wisely invest your contribution dollars. We hope this audit makes you feel as good as we do about the results.

LEF operates on a calendar year. This year our net fundraising is nearing the $500,000 level, which continues to amaze me. This is significant growth from the plateaued level of $210,000-$215,000 in 2010-2012. A major source of funding is the approximate $183,300 from the generosity of Whirlpool Corporation. Each year, the company holds two golf outings, which are financially sponsored by their many suppliers and business partners. Through their generosity to assist Whirlpool Corporation in making a difference in our community, proceeds are split among the schools of Lakeshore, St. Joseph, and Benton Harbor and with the *Boys and Girls Club* and *First Tee of Benton Harbor*. We thank Whirlpool Corporation and these generous companies for their financial support.

We have been fortunate this year with the receipt of several grants for STEM curriculum implementation:
$30,000-- *Upton Foundation*
$25,000-- *1st Source Bank Foundation*

Our grants will be approximately $165,000 this year and are divided over four different types of grants available to students and teachers. To compare, our annual grants were $63,000 in 2010-2012.

Our current major project is the implementation of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) curriculum in all grade levels. This is a multi-year project that totals a $425,000 investment.

In summary, the LEF has seen great growth during the past 20 years. But, it is only through you, our contributors, that this growth is possible. You have listened to our story (bottom 20% of public school funding from the State) and positively responded with your contributions. We use your contributions to fulfill the mission to enhance, enrich and supplement learning opportunities for students, staff, and community.

Sincerely,
J.C. Anderson, LEF Chairperson

Bill Scaletta - Service Above Self

As the website hartfordmichigan.com reads, ***"Contrary to popular belief, it isn't necessary to be born or educated in the big city to make important contributions to society or to become famous."***

Bill Scaletta

In the late 1960's, Bill Scaletta stayed busy as a student athlete playing football, basketball and baseball at Hartford High School. As he was recounting his youth, Scaletta also mentioned being the student director in the band, the President of the Varsity Club, Vice President of the Student Council and Vice President of the Future Teachers Association. At that point, it became evident that leadership has been a part of Scaletta's character since he was a young man.

"I was chosen to go to a leadership camp in high school. That was the summer of the Detroit riots. All of my cabin mates were from that area, and here I was, this kid from Hartford. That was my first real test of leadership. That's when I learned to listen."

Listening is certainly a characteristic of leadership, but decision making is also an important trait. Scaletta was a high school senior when his mother had an aneurysm. Scaletta recounted a story where he, his dad and brother were at the hospital. The three of them were seated together in a room when a doctor came in to review the options for dealing with his mother's serious condition. At that point, Scaletta's dad looked to him and said, "Bill, what do we do?" He made a very important decision that day that saved his mother's life. It is that same ability to weigh the options and choose a direction that has continued to guide Scaletta's journey.

After high school, Scaletta went on to receive a BA from Michigan State University and an MA in Ed Leadership from Western Michigan University. He was fully committed to education and it showed in Scaletta's involvement. Scaletta acted as a class advisor, then he became involved in advising the student council and ultimately became an honorary member of the national honor society. Scaletta also had clear growth goals for his career. After all, leadership was a part of him since he was young.

His career path took him to several schools within Michigan prior to Scaletta being hired at Lakeshore as the Assistant Principal in 1991. The following year he was promoted to the position of Principal. Scaletta led the high school from 1992 until the time he retired in 2011. While he was an administrator, Scaletta referred to it as a time of "transformational leadership." It was during this time that he called upon both his leadership and decision making skills.

Scaletta said, "It's important that you empower teachers and students to make decisions on their own. You can have all sorts of guidelines but at the same time you need to make decisions that are positive and can move you forward."

When asked why he continues to stay involved by volunteering with organizations like the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation or the Lakeshore Rotary, Scaletta replied, "Regardless of your political views, the best decisions made for kids are made at the local level. Our teachers and board know what's best for our kids. I've always believed in volunteerism and giving back. We are doing things that directly benefit the students."

As the interview continued, there was this feeling that had Scaletta not been an educator, he certainly could have been someone famous or even a politician. In a span of about ten minutes, at least five people came up to Scaletta to say "hello." One former student walked up and gave him a hug. Scaletta said, "It's been a while." The student replied, "We just had our ten year reunion. Why didn't you join us?" Although he might not recall all of their names, he doesn't forget their faces because he had forged relationships with the students throughout his career. Scaletta said, "If you don't have relationships with the kids, you won't get through to them."

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Although Scaletta quickly stated that he has no intention of running for office, one can't help but think about all of the lives he's touched over the years. That's roughly 250 students per year for 20 years, not to mention the countless parents and community members he's gotten to know. That's certainly enough to start a successful grassroots campaign or at least be nominated as a "Famous Folk and Hero" on the hartfordmichigan.com website.

Thank you Bill Scaletta for your continued support of LEF. Honoring Scaletta's own well-known sign-off ---

"And as always, Go Lancers!"

February 5 - February 9, 2018
Online Auction details at LEFOnline.org

DISTINGUISHED *Alumni Award*

Lakeshore graduates succeed in all walks of life.

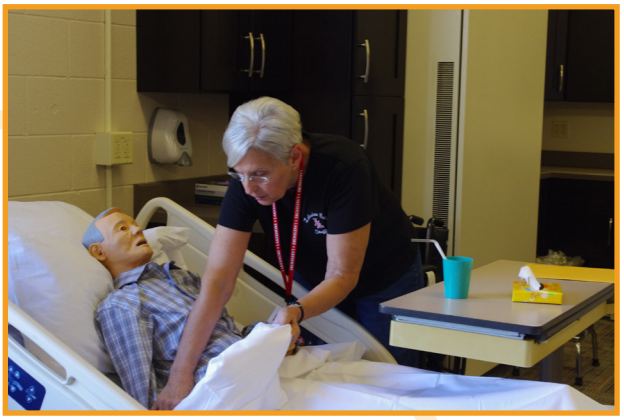
Our graduates have made their mark as innovative entrepreneurs, caring parents, skilled technicians, business and civic leaders, educators, veterans, medical/legal professionals, and in a host of other valued roles that make our world a better place.

Do you know a distinguished Lakeshore Alum that should be recognized? Nominations are due by December 1, 2017. Nominate online at LEFonline.org/distinguished-alumni-nomination-form

CLASS OF 1968 - 50TH REUNION

Class of '68, it is time to start planning your 50-year reunion! For information and to get your name on the list, please visit the LEF website at LEFonline.org, click the Alumni tab, and then find the 50-year Reunion tab and enter your information. Hope to see you next year!

LAKESHORE HIGH SCHOOL
50TH '68 CLASS REUNION



Guiding a New Generation of Medical Professionals at LHS

A familiar face at Lakeshore High School is taking on a new role for the benefit of many students and the community.

Mrs. Sandy Hayes, who has served as a nurse for the Lakeshore Band Program for 27 years, is leading the high school's new Certified Nursing Assistant Program. The 14 juniors and seniors enrolled in the class are learning important skills required to provide the best care for patients in their charge.

Credentialed by the State of Michigan as a Nurse Practitioner, Mrs. Hayes holds Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees from Michigan State University. She has taught nursing at MSU, LMC and Andrews University, served on, and been Chairperson of, the State of Michigan Board of Nursing.

She is excited about the new classroom. "We have an outstanding lab….so much high quality equipment. Our beds are more advanced than many facilities have. The mannequins are fully articulated and help students practice so many aspects of patient care."

Area healthcare employers are taking extreme interest in the program as potentially helping to fulfill their need for quality workers. The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation is proud to support the CNA students and Mrs. Hayes in this new endeavor for our District.

LETTER OF THANKS

TEACHERS COLLEGE
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
Reading & Writing Project

I want to sincerely thank you for granting me the tuition cost to attend the Teachers College August Reading Institute at Columbia University in New York City this summer. What an amazing experience it was!! We learned from the best of the best, and I'm starting this school year with a fresh perspective and a new passion for teaching reading in a way that I believe will truly help my 4th grade students develop not only better reading habits, but a true love for reading.

As our district focuses on reading this year, I am dedicated to learning and implementing the Lucy Calkins Reading and Writing Units as best as I can with the knowledge I am bringing back from the Summer Institute. I want you to know what a valuable experience this was for me and the other teachers who may also have received grants for this, and what a valuable investment it will continue to be as we move forward with Reading Workshop at the elementary level.

I cannot thank you enough for allowing me this opportunity. I am looking forward to seeing what a positive impact it will have on our students!

With Gratitude, Maddie Haydon

LAKESHORE PLTW
PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

Mrs. Tracy Smith, Lakeshore Middle School Teacher, shares, "In 7th grade, the program was very successful and the students loved it! The activities were hands-on and challenging for students, which kept the engagement high. When surveyed, some of the students' favorite activities were the sheep brain dissection, the chickenpox virus activity, and the testing the senses activity. As a teacher, I found the curriculum very exciting to teach and it was satisfying to see students so engaged and excited to learn."

Quality Costs.

We've said it before . . . we'll say it again: quality education has a high price tag.
We anticipate the total LEF spend on STEM will be approximately $425,000. This is based on what similar sized districts have experienced. Over the next year, we will understand the additional equipment, training, and curriculum that will be required, the timeline, and the costs associated with implementation of STEM.

Join us in engaging the minds, spirits and talents of our students and teachers. Help us build a workforce ready to meet the challenges of both today and tomorrow.

CONTRIBUTION FORM

Name of Contributor(s):

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Phone (Home): _____
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Are you a Lakeshore graduate? ☐ YES ☐ NO
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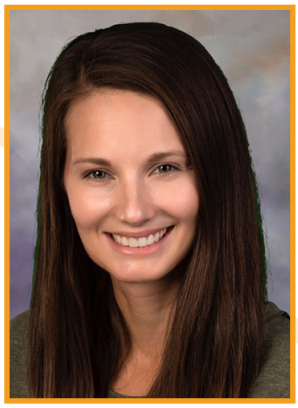
STEM Implementation

We are in the implementation phase of the STEM initiative. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

Rachel Hall

Rachel Hall

Rachel (Shirley) Hall is a graduate of Lakeshore High School, where she served as class president for the Class of 1998. After high school, she received a volleyball scholarship and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Texas Christian University and her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from University of Phoenix. Before having children, she taught middle school math and coached girls volleyball and basketball. Rachel was thrilled to become a member of the LEF board in 2017 to focus on building our alumni community. She and her husband, Jon (also a Lakeshore grad), have always been grateful for the tremendous education and sense of community they experienced while at Lakeshore. After leaving the area for several years, they moved back in 2013 so their children could reap the benefits of this wonderful district. Rachel currently stays home with her four young boys, Tanner, Landon, Kellen, and Baylor. For fun, she enjoys reading, working out, coaching swim team, fishing with her boys, and spending time with extended family.



Jenny Ryan

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Jenny (Bock) Ryan started serving with LEF in 2017. Very proud to be a Lakeshore graduate, she wanted to help Lakeshore connect with more alumni. She graduated in 2002 and headed south to Carson Newman University where she majored in special education and played soccer. Jenny was very involved during her years at Lakeshore including student government, key club, and athletics. Currently Jenny is at home with her three kids and enjoys coaching soccer, camping, skiing, and teaching. Jenny was inducted into the Lakeshore Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013 and you can find her on the mural inside the Lakeshore High School team room.

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Choose select or change your charitable organization. Select Lakeshore Excellence Foundation. From then on, any eligible purchase will result in 0.5% going to the charity.

LAKESHORE Alumni

LAKESHORE ALUMNI CONNECT

Rachel (Shirley) Hall and Jenny (Bock) Ryan are the newest LEF Board Members who are specifically focused on connecting with Lakeshore Alumni.

If you graduated from Lakeshore High School, this is a great way to stay in touch! We do not require dues or membership fees. We are grateful for the financial support of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation and for the efforts of our all-volunteer board. We want to make it simple for you to stay in touch, to participate in alumni events, and to contribute to those Lakeshore school initiatives that may inspire you.